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German Democratic Republic

DIESEL OIL SUPPLY OF ROSTOCK FISHING FLEET

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four luggers supplied with diesel oil from Rostock - Bramow storage dump could not operate at full power, decreasing the size of their catch considerably. The vessels could only attain a maximum speed of 2.2 nautical miles with a wind strength of 2 - 4.

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the specific weight of the diesel oil, a mixture of four different products, may be too heavy.

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the motor oil problem was considered and the Deep Sea Fishing Fleet is considering converting to a single type of motor oil for all luggers and trawlers so as to avoid a mixture of different oil types as occurred on one of the luggers. This heterogeneous oil composition resulted in serious damage to the bearings necessitating the dismantling of the motor and sending it to the Buckau - Wolff plant in Magdeburg for overhauling. Motor oil "L" (Lutzkendorf) has been suggested as the type of oil to be used by the fishing vessels. It can be mixed with Iso motor oil since both have a petroleum base.

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the oil supply dump was so short of oil that no other oil was on hand other than the type contained in the samples. This supply is to have had an approximate specific weight of .700 - .885, normally acceptable to the fishing fleet.

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